

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MAY 9, 1928

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Board in the Union Trust Building, Baltimore.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
John M. Dennis, Treasurer

The following letter from Swepson Earle, Conservation Commissioner, was read and considered:

April 30th, 1928

The Board of Public Works,
c/o J. O. McCusker, Secy.,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

For several years the Department has been surveying different ponds throughout the State, particularly on the Eastern Shore, for the purpose of obtaining one either under lease or purchase, which would be suitable for rearing bass and other pond fish on a larger scale.

Its attention was particularly addressed to several ponds in the neighborhood of Chestertown, Kent County, and it was only recently that negotiations were made which would be satisfactory to the Department, after weed-ing out a number of other unfavorable offers.

We located a farm containing about sixty acres within one and one-half miles of Fairlee, Kent County, fifty-three and one-half of which had been formerly used as a mill pond and six and one-half acres was ground surrounding the home of the millowner. The house contains nine rooms and it also has out-buildings consisting of barn, henhouse, etc., all of which are in fairly good repair, the dwelling having been recently roofed and painted. We contemplate the house will be tenanted by those we put in charge of the pond, and intend to rebuilt the dam and overflow the land previously used as a pond.

We were offered this tract, including the dwelling and outhouses, for \$3200.00, and very short option was given us to accept, and should we accept, the dwelling will not be available before January 1st, although we will have immediate possession of the pond. The title has been examined and found to be good.

The last Legislature having passed a law providing for an Angler's License, the Department has funds available from this source from which the purchase price can be made.

We understand it is necessary to have your approval before making such purchase, which we are now asking, and hope that you will favorably consider same so that we may enlarge our hatchery operations.

Very truly yours,

Swepson Earle,
Commissioner.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board decided to authorize the Commissioner to purchase the property described in his letter, at the terms stated

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The following letter from E. Austin Baughman, Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, was read and considered.

April 19, 1928

Mr. J. O'C McCusker, Secy.,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Motor
Vehicles

Dear Mr. McCusker:

We are in receipt of a letter from Mr. C. Clyde Squire, Port Deposit, Maryland, who has been handling the affairs for the late A. J. Jones, former Justice of the Peace, Rising Sun, Maryland, with reference to his account which has been outstanding for the past couple of years which amounts to \$330.00.

He informs us that Mr. Jones died sometime during the year 1926, and that he did not leave any estate whatsoever, that no administrator was appointed, and that he died a very poor man. We forwarded this information to Mr. Herbert Levy, Assistant Attorney General, for which he recommends that under the circumstances we should report the matter to the Board of Public Works, and suggest that we be permitted to write the account off.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very truly yours,

E. Austin Baughman,
Commissioner.

Upon motion duly seconded the Board decided to authorize the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to charge off the account as uncollectible.

Comptroller

The Board considered a bill rendered by Honorable William C. Walsh, Attorney, Cumberland, for \$200.00 for services in collecting \$1,379.68 from the Humbird Land and Improvement Company, for taxes due the State, and approved payment of bill from Contingent Fund of Board. The bill had been approved by the Attorney General, who had employed Judge Walsh to make the collection.

The Treasurer and Comptroller took up with the Board the question of selling some of the securities owned by the State for its sinking funds, to provide the money needed to retire debt of the State becoming due on and after July 1, 1928. The Treasurer reported the sinking funds owned among other securities, the following bonds and that it was desirable to sell them prior to July 1, 1928.

Lateral and Post Roads Loan of 1920

Issue of August 15, 1920 - - - \$1,500,000
Chapter 508, Acts of 1920
Resolution of Board of Public Works of June 9, 1920

- Series G, 114 bonds, Nos. 1 to 114, inclusive - Due August 15, 1929
- Series H, 119 bonds, Nos. 1 to 119, inclusive - Due August 15, 1930
- Series I, 122 bonds, Nos. 1 to 122, inclusive - Due August 15, 1931
- Series J, 54 bonds, Nos. 1 to 54, inclusive - Due August 15, 1932

Construction Loan of 1920

Issue of August 15, 1921 - - - \$500,000

Chapter 727, Acts of 1920

Resolution of Board of Public Works of June 16, 1921

Series S, 36 bonds, Nos. 1 to 36, inclusive, due August 15, 1929

Series T, 31 bonds, Nos. 1 to 31, inclusive, due August 15, 1930

Series U, 40 bonds, Nos. 1 to 40, inclusive, due August 15, 1931

Series W, 39 bonds, Nos. 6 to 44, inclusive, due August 15, 1933

Bridge Loan of 1920

Issue of August 15, 1921 - - - \$100,000

Chapter 382, Acts of 1920

Resolution of Board of Public Works of June 16, 1921

Series F, 7 bonds, Nos. 1 to 7, inclusive, due August 15, 1929

Series G, 8 bonds, Nos. 1 to 8, inclusive, due August 15, 1930

Series H, 8 bonds, Nos. 1 to 8, inclusive, due August 15, 1931

Series I, 8 bonds, Nos. 1 to 8, inclusive, due August 15, 1932

Series J, 9 bonds, Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive, due August 15, 1933

Series K, 9 bonds, Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive, due August 15, 1934

Series L, 9 bonds, Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive, due August 15, 1935

Series M, 10 bonds, Nos. 1 to 10, inclusive, due August 15, 1936

State Loan of 1918

Issue of August 15, 1918 - - - \$1,000,000

Chapter 298, Acts of 1918

Resolution of Board of Public Works of June 25, 1918

Series I, 1 bond, No. 1, due August 15, 1929

On motion duly seconded The Treasurer was authorized to advertise in two daily newspapers published in Baltimore City, twice a week for four successive weeks, that he would receive proposals for the purchase of the aforesaid bonds, said proposals to be contained in sealed envelopes and marked on the outside "Proposal for purchase of \$624,000 State of Maryland Sinking Funds Bonds", and said proposals to be opened in the office of the State Treasurer of Maryland at Annapolis, Maryland, on Wednesday June 13, 1928, at twelve o'clock noon.

On motion duly seconded the Treasurer was authorized to sell for account of the State's sinking funds, such securities owned by the funds as in the judgment of the Treasurer and Comptroller ought to be sold to provide the State Treasury with cash to meet the State debt coming due.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O. McClusker
Secretary.